

1. 5. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the cap comprises a part extending roughly between the orifice of the nozzle and an opposite end of said nozzle in communication with the zone inside the container, in the closed position.

7. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that said part comprises at least two tabs (13) capable of at least partially stoppering the nozzle.

8. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the duct (16) is formed between the tabs.

2. 9. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the tabs are separated by slots (15).

3. 10. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the tabs are of a length approximately equal to that of the nozzle.

4. 11. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the tabs are of a length appreciably longer than that of the nozzle and project into the zone inside the container in the closed state.

5. 12. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the pressure-balancing means are capable of passing through some liquid held in the nozzle by capillarity.

6. 17. (Amended) A removable cap for a container as claimed in claim 1.

Add the following claims:

af --18. (new) A device for the storage of liquid, particularly capillary liquid, comprising a container and a removable cap, the cap being of the type comprising a part for gripping and a part for stoppering capable of collaborating with a nozzle of the container, said nozzle forming a passage between a zone inside the container and the outside, a free end of the nozzle forming a liquid outlet orifice, characterized in that it comprises a structure or device that retains the liquid contained in the container axially away from the orifice of the nozzle when the cap is in the closed position.

19. (new) The device as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that it comprises a structure or device that is capable, when the cap is in the closed position, of forming inside the passage a barrier to the liquid, said barrier being formed axially away from the liquid outlet orifice.

20. (new) The device of claim 18, further comprising a structure or device that fixes the cap onto the container, wherein the cap comprises a structure or device that allows the pressure in the zone inside the container and the pressure outside to be balanced upon opening before the structure or device that fixes the cap onto the container is deactivated.

21. (new) The device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the structure or device that allows the pressure in the zone inside the container and the pressure outside the container to be balanced is capable of passing through some liquid held in the nozzle by capillarity.

22. (new) A device for the storage of liquid, particularly capillary liquid, comprising a container and a removable cap, the cap being of the type comprising a part for gripping and a part for stoppering capable of collaborating with a nozzle of the container, said nozzle forming a passage between a zone inside the container and the outside, a free end of the nozzle forming a liquid outlet orifice, characterized in that it comprises a liquid-tight structure or device that retains said liquid axially away from the outlet orifice and which is gas-permeable.

23. (new) A device for the storage of liquid, particularly capillary liquid, comprising a container and a removable cap, the cap being of the type comprising a part for gripping and a part for stoppering capable of collaborating with a nozzle of the container, said nozzle forming a passage between a zone inside the container and the outside, a free end of the nozzle forming a liquid outlet orifice, characterized in that it comprises a structure or device that spreads some of the liquid away from the orifice of the nozzle when the device is opened.

24. (new) A device for the storage of liquid, particularly capillary liquid, comprising a container and a removable cap, the cap being of the type comprising a part for gripping and a part for stoppering capable of collaborating with a nozzle of the container, said nozzle forming a passage between a zone inside the container and the outside, a free end of the nozzle forming a liquid